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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: FBI Concerns Re Bross Commission Report

Bill:

1. The FBI does raise some valid concerns re recommendations from the Commission and it is also evident there is great anxiety on just what we are going to do on CI and what the NIO might do. In looking at Judge Webster's covering note you can see that he is anxious to support his troops, yet at the same time acquiesce to your wishes.

2. A way out of satisfying the many suggestions and concerns and yet make the CI program work a little better is to not accept the Bross Commission report in toto but take the gaps which it speaks of and task the O'Malley Committee to address them and resolve them within the context of the Committee's activities.

3. Secondly, leave the preparation of the annual threat assessment where it presently exists with the [] staff, based on inputs from the Community, and then have the SIG(I) worry about it and approve it for passage to the NSC.

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3. Thirdly, as far as the NIO is concerned scrap the idea of an NIO focusing on CI (since there is a great deal of attention on that already) and establish an NIO to focus on Soviet strategic concealment, camouflage and deception. I'm not sure this would be a full-time job but we can sort that out later.

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